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In re Patent Application of

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For: A SECOND STORAGE SYSTEM EQUIPPED WITH SECURITY  
SYSTEM AND A METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SECOND  
STORAGE SYSTEM

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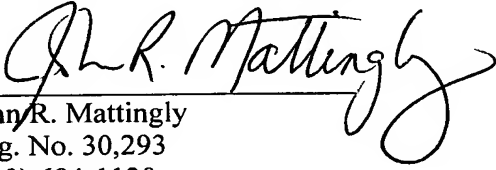
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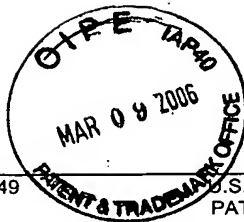
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